

May 15, 2017

Attention: Nunavut Water Board, Manager of Licensing

Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference: Isachsen former High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS), Ellef Ringnes Island – Phase II/III Environmental Site Assessment, Qualitative Risk Assessment, and Remediation/Risk Management Options Evaluation Project

Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) is pleased to submit this application for approval for the use of water or deposit of waste without a license for the Isachsen former High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS) Phase II/III Environmental Site Assessment, Qualitative Risk Assessment, and Remediation/Risk Management Options Evaluation Project (Project). The Project is located at the Isachsen former High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS) on Ellef Ringnes Island, approximately 500 km northwest of Resolute, Nunavut. Stantec is also applying for an Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) land use permit.

The project includes the assessment of 28 areas of potential environmental concern (APECs) and known areas of concern (AECs) across the former weather station. The purpose of the Project is to complete environmental site assessment activities at the Isachsen HAWS to delineate all APECs and AECs, and other new areas identified during the assessment activities. The environmental site assessment will involve sampling of soil and water within the former weather station (now abandoned) to determine presence/absence of impacts to soil and water resulting from operation of the weather station. Soil samples will be collected via hand shovel from small test holes approximately 0.30 metres deep. Transport in and out of the site will be via twin otter aircraft.

A temporary soft sided camp to house 10 persons for approximately two weeks will be set up. The application for approval for the use of water or deposit of waste without a license is required to support the field camp.

Water for washing and bathing will be required from a local water source. Water use will be limited to approximately 2.0 cubic metres per day and will be used for washing and bathing purposes. Water will be extracted using a pump and stored in a 950 L storage tank. A nearby pond or melt stream near the camp will be utilized. Potable water will be transported to the site with the camp.

Grey water from washing activities will be released back to the site in a hand dug sump located a minimum of 30 metres from any waterbody. All sewage and other waste will be collected and removed from the site for appropriate disposal.



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Options Evaluation Project**

Please find enclosed the following:

- A completed application form;
- Appendix A – Translated cover letter in Inuktitut

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed application, please contact me at (613) 784-2221 or by email at Chris.Bowie@stantec.com.

Regards,

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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF WATER OR DEPOSIT OF WASTE WITHOUT A LICENCE

Refer to the *Guide to the Approval for the Use of Water or Deposit of Waste Without a Licence*
(Guide) in completing this Application.

APPLICATION NO: (for NWB use only)													
1. APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION (name, address) Chris Bowie Stantec Consulting Ltd. Suite 400, 1331 Clyde Avenue Ottawa, ON K2C 3G4 Phone: (613) 784-2221 Fax: (613) 722-2799 e-mail: chris.bowie@stantec.com	2. APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION if different from Block 1 (name, address) Phone: _____ Fax: _____ e-mail: _____ (Attach authorization letter)												
3. NAME OF THE OWNER OF THE LAND THAT WILL BE USED IN RELATION TO THE WATER TO BE USED OR THE WASTE TO BE DEPOSITED Crown Land with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) acting as the custodian – Directory of Federal Real Property #07527.													
4. NAME OF PROJECT (consistent with the name of the project issued by other regulatory agencies): Isachsen former High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS), Ellef Ringnes Island – Phase II/III Environmental Site Assessment, Qualitative Risk Assessment, and Remediation/Risk Management Options Evaluation Project													
5. LOCATION OF UNDERTAKING – Isachsen High Arctic Weather Station, Ellef Ringnes Island, Nunavut Project Extents (decimal degree format) <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;">NW</td> <td style="width: 40%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">78.794028°</td> <td style="width: 40%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">-103.588806°</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NE</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">78.794028°</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">-103.486917°</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SE</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">78.781778°</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">-103.486917°</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SW</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">78.781778°</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">-103.588806°</td> </tr> </table>		NW	78.794028°	-103.588806°	NE	78.794028°	-103.486917°	SE	78.781778°	-103.486917°	SW	78.781778°	-103.588806°
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Camp Location(s) (decimal degree format)78.789308°-103.570201°

Name of the Water Management Area in which the Undertaking is located. (Please see Appendix D of the Guide):

58 – Sverdrup Islands watershed

6. Previous Approvals or Licences Associated with Undertaking (“Type A”, “Type B” or Approval Without a Licence)

☐ **NA or**

Previous Licence/Approval Number: 8WLC-IHA1314

The Board reminds the Applicant that as stated in s. 46 of the NWNSRTA, the expiry or cancellation of any previous licence does not relieve the holder from any outstanding obligations imposed under the licence.

7. CLASSIFICATION OF UNDERTAKING - Indicate the classification of undertaking by checking one of the following boxes.

- ☐ Industrial
☐ Mining
☐ Conservation
☐ Municipal

- ☐ Agricultural
☐ Recreational
☐ Power
☒ Other: Environmental Site Assessment

See Appendix C of the Guide for descriptions of classifications of undertakings.

8. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING AND EQUIPMENT USED – Provide a brief description of the undertaking including a description of any equipment that will be used in using water or depositing waste.

An environmental site assessment involving sampling of soil and water within the former Isachsen High Arctic Weather Station (now abandoned) to determine presence/absence of impacts to soil and water resulting from operation of the weather station. Soil samples will be collected via hand shovel from small test holes approximately 0.30 metres deep. Transport in and out of the site will be via twin otter aircraft. A soft sided temporary camp to house 10 persons for approximately two weeks will be set up. Potable water will be transported to the site with the camp. Water for washing and bathing will be required from a local water source (ie. melt water pond or nearby stream). We anticipate approximately 2.0 cubic meters of water per day will be required for camp operation. Water will be extracted using a pump and stored in a 950 L storage tank. 2 x ATVs will be on-site to help transport our hand-held equipment and samples across the site. No intrusive excavation machinery will be operated during this assessment.

9. SCHEDULE – Applicants are advised that approvals without a licence are issued for a one year term.

Proposed Start Date: 01/07/2017
 (Day/Month/Year)

Proposed Completion Date: 01/07/2018
 (Day/Month/Year)

- 10. TYPE OF USE OF WATER WITHOUT A LICENCE PROPOSED** - Check the box that applies to the type of water use proposed. If none of the water uses listed below applies to the proposed water use, an application for a water licence will be required. See the NWB's Guide 4 – Completing and Submitting a Water Licence Application for a New Licence.

- ☐ For an undertaking other than a Power undertaking and for a use of water related to the construction of a structure across a watercourse that is less than 5 metres wide at the ordinary high water mark at the point of construction.
- ☐ For an undertaking other than a Power undertaking and for a use of water related to the training of an intermittent watercourse.
- ☐ For an undertaking other than a Power undertaking and for a use of water related to the training of a watercourse that is less than 5 metres wide at the ordinary high water mark at the point of training.
- ☐ For an undertaking other than a Power undertaking and for a use of water related to the training of a watercourse that involves the infilling of the watercourse, if the watercourse has no inflow or outflow and a surface area of less than 0.5 hectares.
- ☐ For an undertaking other than a Power undertaking and for a use of water related to the training of a watercourse that involves removal or placement of less than 100 m³ of material.
- ☐ For an undertaking other than a Power undertaking and for a use of water related to the construction of a temporary structure in a watercourse for the purpose of flood control.
- ☐ For an undertaking other than a Power undertaking and for any use of water related to the storage of 2,500 m³ or less.
- ☒ For an undertaking other than a Power undertaking and for any use of water less than 50 m³ per day.

- 11. QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF WATER INVOLVED** - For each type of water use indicated in Block 10, provide the source of water, the estimated quantity to be used in cubic metres per day, and the periods during which water will be extracted.

Type of Water Use indicated in Block 10	Name of water source	Estimated quantity of water to be used in cubic metres per day	Periods during which water will be extracted
Any water use less than 50 m ³ /day	Unknown stream name/melt water pond	2.0 m ³ /day	Morning and evening

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12. TYPE OF DEPOSIT OF WASTE PROPOSED - Check the box that applies to the type of deposit of waste proposed. If none of the deposits of waste listed below apply to the proposed deposit of waste, an application for a water licence will be required. See the NWB's Guide 4 – Completing and Submitting a Water Licence Application for a New Licence.

☐ For an Industrial undertaking, for an activity related to hydrostatic testing or cleaning of storage tanks and pipelines, and for any deposit of waste resulting from hydrostatic testing or cleaning of unused storage tanks or pipelines.

☐ For an Industrial undertaking, for an activity related to quarrying and gravel washing, and for any deposit of waste that is not deposited to surface water and that results from quarrying or gravel washing above the ordinary high water mark.

☐ For a Mining undertaking, for an activity related to exploratory work, any deposit of sewage to a sump.

☐ For a Power undertaking, any deposit of sewage to a sump.

☐ For an Agricultural undertaking, any deposit of sewage to a sump.

☐ For a Conservation undertaking, any deposit of sewage to a sump.

☐ For a Recreation undertaking, any deposit of sewage to a sump.

☒ For any Other type of undertaking not listed above, other than Municipal, any deposit of sewage to a sump.

13. QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF WASTE INVOLVED – For each type of waste indicated in Block 12, describe the quantity in cubic metres/day, measures to avoid or mitigate adverse impacts, and periods of deposition.

Type of Waste indicated in Block 12	Quantity to be deposited in cubic metres per day	Measures to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts	Periods during which waste will be deposited
Other type of undertaking, other than municipal	Greywater generated will equal to extraction 2 m ³ a day	All grey water will be directed to a sump or natural depression at a minimum of 30 m from any water body. The sump will be backfilled at the end of the project.	Morning and evening

Sewage	10 people for 14 days	Blackwater to be solidified and transported off-site for appropriate disposal.	Sewage to be hauled off site and not deposited at the site.

14. SIGNATURE

I, Chris Bowie (print name), certify that the information given on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete.

☒ Yes☐ No**OR**

I, _____ (print name), as an authorized representative of the Applicant, _____, certify that the information given on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete.

☒ Yes☐ No

I certify that the Nunavut Planning Commission's land use planning requirements under Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement have been met.

☒ Yes☐ No

I certify that the Nunavut Impact Review Board's development impact review requirements under Article 12 of the NLCA have been met.

☒ Yes☐ No

I certify that the proposed water use is of a type set out in column 2 of Schedule 2 of the Regulations that is further specified by column 3, in respect of an undertaking set out in column 1. See list in Block 10.

☒ Yes☐ NA☐ No

I certify that the proposed deposit of waste is an activity that is set out and then further specified in columns 2 and 3 of Schedule 3 of the Regulations, in respect of an undertaking that is set out in column 1 of Schedule 3. See list in Block 12.

☒ Yes☐ NA☐ No

I certify that the proposed water use or deposit of waste will not substantially affect the quality, quantity or flow of the watercourse whose waters are used.

☒ Yes☐ No

I certify that the proposed water use or deposit of waste will not substantially affect the quality, quantity or flow of waters flowing through Inuit Owned Lands.

☒ Yes☐ No

I certify that the proposed water use or deposit of waste will not affect the use of waters by a person who would be entitled to compensation under sections 58 or 60 of the Nunavut Waters Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (Act) if their use of these waters were to be adversely affected by an applicant for a licence.

☒ Yes☐ No

I certify that a licence is not required for another use of water, or deposit of waste in respect of the proposed undertaking.

☒ Yes☐ No

I have read and agree to comply with the following conditions outlined in sections 4(3), 5(4), 5(5) and 6 of the Nunavut Waters Regulations:

1. In the case of an applicant who has a mineral right and who intends to use waters or deposit waste in relation to that right, the applicant shall respect the priority conferred on Inuit by section 62 of the *Act* as if that applicant had a licence for the use or deposit.
2. Measures must be taken prior to using water to minimize any alteration to the bed or banks of a watercourse whose waters are to be used, and the measures shall be maintained during the operation of the undertaking.
3. No waste is to be deposited to surface water or within 31 metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water.
4. The waste shall not contain more than 15 milligrams per litre of petroleum or petroleum product and must not have a visible hydrocarbon sheen.
5. Prior to the closure or abandonment of the undertaking or end of the period authorized for the use of water or deposit of waste without a licence, whichever occurs first, the site shall be restored — to the extent practicable — to the state in which it was before the water was used or the waste was deposited.^a
6. An applicant who is authorized under the Regulations to use waters or deposit waste without a licence shall:
 - a. maintain accurate and detailed books and records of:
 - i. the quantity of water, in cubic metres, used each day,
 - ii. the quantity, in cubic metres, of waste deposited each day,
 - iii. the type of waste deposited each day,
 - iv. where the waste is deposited,
 - v. the concentration of the substance, or substances, in the deposited solid or liquid that has the effect of making the deposit waste,
 - vi. the methodology used to calculate or determine the information referred to in items (i) to (iv), and
 - vii. the measures that were taken to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts of the deposit of waste.
 - b. keep the books and records on the site of the undertaking during the period of its operation and make them available during that period to an inspector on request;
 - c. submit to the Board a report containing a summary description and supporting photographs of the restoration of the site of the undertaking within 30 days after the earliest of (i) the day on which the undertaking is closed or abandoned, and (ii) the last day of the period authorized for the use or deposit without a licence;^b and
 - d. keep the books and records for two years after submitting the report describing the restoration of the site of the undertaking.

Notes:

a) A site need not be restored prior to the end of the period authorized for the water use or deposit of waste without a licence, as required by Item 5, if the Board issues a licence for the use of water or deposit of waste on that site prior to the end of that period.

b) An applicant need not submit the report referred to in Item 6 (c), to the Board if the applicant obtains the Board's approval for a use of water or deposit of waste without a licence, or a licence for a use of water or deposit of waste, on the same site within thirty (30) days after the last day of the period authorized for the use or deposit.

☒ Yes☐ No

I understand that any approval granted by the Board for the use of water or deposit of waste without a licence will be authorized for a period of one year after the day on which the Board approves the Application.

The use or deposit is not authorized until the Board approves the Application and it is only valid as long as the applicant is in compliance with the conditions set out in the declaration above.

☒ Yes

☐ No

I understand that if I have answered "No" to any of the above statements a water licence is required from the Nunavut Water Board prior to the use of water or deposit of waste.

☒ Yes

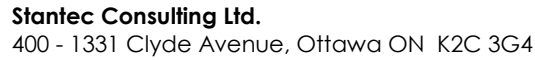
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Chris Bowie	Environmental Consultant		May 15, 2017
Name (Print)	Title (Print)	Signature	Date

Appendix A
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Appendix A

Translated Cover Letter in Inuktitut



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